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FROM USDEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF
SUBJECT: FINAL DRAFT DECLARATION OF LAGOS CONFERENCE

REF: LAGOS 9766

SUMMARY: FINAL TEXT OF DRAFT DECLARATION OF LAGOS CONFERENCE
WAS AGREED TO BY DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND DISTRIBUTED TO DELEGATIONS
ON THURSDAY EVENING. DRAFT WILL BE TABLED AT MID-DAY FRIDAY,
WITH DELEGATIONS ALLOWED TO EXPRESS RESERVATIONS PRIOR TO ADOPTION
OF DECLARATION AT LAST SESSION ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON. USDEL
INTENDS TO SUBMIT RESERVATIONS IN WRITING AT AFTERNOON SESSION ON
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FRIDAY. END SUMMARY.

1. WE ARE TRANSMITTING IN SEPTEL FINAL TEXT OF DRAFT
DECLARATION OF APARTHEID CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS DISTRIBUTED TO
DELEGATES AT 8 P.M. THURSDAY. DRAFT IS SCHEDULED TO BE
INTRODUCED INTO CONFERENCE AT END OF MORNING SESSION ON FRIDAY.
IN AFTERNOON SESSION FRIDAY DELEGATES WILL BE ALLOWED TO EXPRESS

ANY RESERVATIONS THEY HAVE WITH DRAFT AFTER WHICH THE DECLARATION WILL BE ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE.

2. FINAL DRAFT EMERGED AFTER LONG AND SOMETIMES BITTER DEBATE IN DRAFTING COMMITTEE. VERONA EDELSTEIN, CANADIAN DELEGATE AND WEO REPRESENTATIVE ON DRAFTING COMMITTEE, REPORTED WIDE DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN WESTERN VIEWS AND DESIRE FOR STRONG ACTION BY SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND SOME AFRICANS. DRAFTING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMAN HARRIMAN AND SAIIM REPORTEDLY MADE STRENUEOUS EFFORT TO ASSURE THAT FINAL DRAFT WAS AS MODERATE AS POSSIBLE. PAC AND ANC ARE SO UPSET WITH DECLARATION THAT THERE ARE RUMORS THAT THEY HAVE THREATENED TO CONTEST IT IN PLENARY FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT DESPITE EFFORTS OF HARRIMAN, SALIN AND EDELSTEIN FINAL DRAFT CONTAINS A NUMBER OF PARAGRAPHS WHICH CONTAIN OBJECTIONABLE ELEMENTS FOR US. THERE IS A CALL FOR CHAPTER VII ACTION ON ARMS (PARA 26); PARAGRAPH ON ECONOMIC MEASURES (PARA 27) CAN BE READ AS SUPPORT FOR SANCTIONS. LANGUAGE ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION (PARA 24) AND SPORTING CONTACTS (PARA 28) IS ALSO PROBLEMATIC. ON THE OTHER HAND, DRAFT DOES NOT RPT NOT CONTAIN MANY PARAS WITH EXCESSIVE LANGUAGE SUGGESTED BY MORE RADICAL AFRICANS, ARABS AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHICH HARRIMAN AND SALIM BEAT BACK.

4. IN LIGHT OF STRONG NIGERIAN EFFORTS TO HOLD THE LINE ON
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DECLARATION AND WILLINGNESS OF CONFERENCE SPONSORS TO ACCEPT RESERVATIONS, AMBASSADOR YOUNG SUGGESTED THAT WESTERN FIVE SUBMIT INDIVIDUAL WRITTEN STATEMENTS OF RESERVATION TO CONFERENCE PRESIDENT TO POINT OUT OUR PROBLEMS WITH DRAFT. BY SUBMITTING WRITTEN STATEMENTS, FIVE WILL AVOID PROVOKING BITTER PUBLIC DEBATE IN PLENARY OVER DRAFT AND ALLOW CONFERENCE TO END ON POSITIVE NOTE. REPS OF OTHER FOUR, EXCEPT CANADA, AGREED WITH YOUNG THAT WRITTEN STATEMENTS WOULD ALLOW THEM TO PUT ON RECORD PROBLEMS THEY EACH HAVE WITH DECLARATION BUT AVOID COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE PUBLICITY. POSITIONS OF FIVE ON SUBSTANCE OF DECLARATION ARE, HOWEVER, DIVIDED. CANADA IS RE-COMMENDING RESERVATIONS ON ARMS PARA ONLY; BRITISH ON ARMS AND ECONOMIC MEASURES; GERMANS ON ARMS AND ECONOMIC MEASURES, POSSIBLY ALSO ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION; FRANCE ON ARMS, ECONOMIC, NUCLEAR AND POSSIBLY OTHER PARAS. ONLY GERMANS AND FRANCE SEEM DESIROUS OF A JOINT STATEMENT BY THE FIVE.

5. USDEL INTENDS TO SUBMIT FOLLOWING LETTER TO PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE (BRIGADIER JOSEPH GARBA) ON FRIDAY.

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: MY DELEGATION WISHES TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY AND LEADERSHIP DURING THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID. WE HAVE BEEN DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH THE EFFORTS MADE BY YOU AND AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN TO BRING THIS CONFERENCE TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

OUR PRESENCE AT THE CONFERENCE HAS UNDERSCORED THE OPPOSITION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO APARTHEID AND OUR SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRESSIVE TRANSFORMATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY. MOST OF THE DECLARATION OF THE CONFERENCE IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR POLICIES AND WILL BE SUPPORTED BY OUR GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, WE HAVE IN ALL CANDOR SOME PROBLEMS WITH PARTS OF THE DECLARATION SUCH AS PARAGRAPHS 24, 26, 27 AND 28. EVEN IN SOME OF THESE AREAS, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN THE SUB-

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STANCE OF OUR POLICY AND THAT EXPRESSED IN THE DECLARATION. FOR EXAMPLE, WE DO EMBARGO ALL ARMS, AMMUNITION AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL FOR THEIR MANUFACTURE AND MAINTENANCE INCLUDING LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS.

ABOVE ALL, OUR COMMITMENT REMAINS FIRM TO OPPOSE APARTHEID AND TO SUPPORT THE STRUGGLE FOR FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN SOUTH AFRICA. SIGNED ANDREW YOUNG, CHAIRMAN OF U.S. DELEGATION

END TEXT.

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